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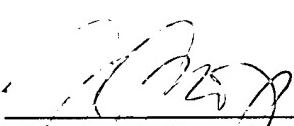
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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 28, 2005, enclosed is a corrected version of the Amendment Accompanying RCE filed on January 11, 2005.

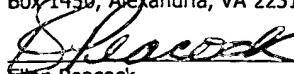
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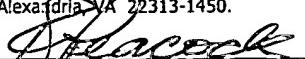
**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in the above-identified Patent Application. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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